THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Monday, the 10th February 1958.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

I.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF SRI BULUSU SAMBAMURTHY, A FORMER SPEAKER OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is with deep regret that I have to announce to the hon. Members the death of Sri Bulusu Sambamurthy, a former Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, on the morning of 2nd February 1958 at Kakinada.

Born on the 4th March 1886 in the East Godavari district, he graduated from the Madras University and set up practice as a lawyer at Kakinada in 1911. He joined the Home Rule Movement in 1919 and later the Non-Co-operation Movement in response to the call of Mahatma Gandhi. He led the Arms Satyagraha in Nagpur in 1927. He was arrested in February 1929, in connection with the boycott of the Simon Commission. He was sentenced for participation in the Salt Satyagraha. During one of the Civil Disobedience Movements he was the victim of a lathi charge by the Police and he was beaten mercilessly till he became unconscious and he was taken for dead. But Providence spared him.

He was elected as Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly in the year 1937 and he remained in office till 1942. As Speaker, he established sound traditions and maintained the prestige of that high office.

Sri Sambamurthy was simple and unostentatious in his personal habits and was respected for his fearlessness, courage and high sense of discipline. He devoted a great deal of his energy and time to the cause of uplift of women and Harijans.

I now move the Condolence Resolution, namely—

" That this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sri Bulusu Sambamurthy, a former Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly, and conveys its profound sympathy to the members of his bereaved family."

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, I rise to associate the Government with the sentiments of sorrow at the demise of Sri Bulusu Sambamurthy so movingly expressed by you.

Sir, he was one of the sturdy patriots who sacrificed everything in his life for the sake of freedom of the country. He underwent suffering and participated in everyone of the national movements for liberation and suffered physical punishments. It was in this context that the national movement in India was born and bred and carried forward by emient leaders like our Sambamurthy. Sir, later he became the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly and set very high traditions for others to follow. In those days, we were not independent but still he gave the stamp of independence to that high office of Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly.

The country has lost a great patriot and a noble servant of humanity. May his soul rest in peace!

* DR. V. K. JOHN : Mr. Chairman, I associate myself and the Opposition with the sentiments you and the Hon. the Leader of the House expressed and the tributes paid to the memory of the late Mr. Sambamurthy. Simple, sincere and emotional, he was a typical Andhra. And he was so emotional that people used to call him a stormy petrel. He made great sacrifices and underwent great sufferings in the cause of the country's freedom. As a patriot, he had few equals and no superior. As a Presiding Officer, he set a great example for his successors. He was particularly independent as a Presiding Officer and we shall always remember his name as an ornament to any House.

Sir, I again associate myself with the Condolence Resolution you have moved.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I request the hon. Members to stand in silence for a few minutes and pass the Resolution unanimously.

The Resolution was passed *nem. con.*, all the Members standing in silence for a few minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN : As a mark of respect to the late Sri Bulusu Sambamurthy, the House will now adjourn and meet again at 3-20 p.m.

The House then adjourned.

(The House reassembled at 3-20 p.m.)

II.—SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following Members were sworn in :—

1. Rev. D. Thambuswami.
2. Sri K. M. Ramasamy Gounder.
3. Sri P. Madurai Pillai.